(ग) राज्य सरकार के प्राप्त सूचना के अनुसार वन ग्रामों की स्थापना 25.10.80 से पहले की गई थी और वन भूमि पर खेती करने के लिए वन ग्राम वासियों को अस्थायी पट्टे दिए गए थे। तथापि, 25.10.80 से पहले राज्य सरकार ने इन वन ग्रामों के तहत वन भूमि को अनारक्षित करने के लिए कोई विशिष्ट आदेश जारी नहीं किए थे। केन्द्र सरकार ने इन वन ग्रामों को राजस्व ग्रामों में परिवर्तित करने के लिह राज्य सरकार को प्राधिकृत नहीं किया है।

(घ) मधय प्रदेश सरकार से प्राप्त एक पत्र के उत्तर में यह स्पष्ट किया गया है कि वन ग्रामों को राजस्व ग्रामों में परिवर्तित करने के लिए वन (संरक्षण) अधिनियम, 1980 के अंतर्गत केन्द्र सरकार का पूर्व अनुमोदन प्राप्त करना अपेक्षित है।

National Forest Policy, 1988

1586. SHRI MYODEK YONGGAM : Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in the National Forest Policy, 1988 it was recommended to convert forests villages into revenue villages in selected areas of the country;

(b) if so, how many villages have been converted into revenue villages in the country-state-wise;

(c) whether such converted villages have attained their economic up-liftment; and

(d) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) The National Forest Policy, 1988 envisages development of forest villages on par with revenue villages. This issue was examined by an inter-Ministerial Committee set up by this Ministry. Based on their recommendations, guidelines were issued to all State/Union Territory Governments on 18.9.1990 for conversion of forest villages into revenue villages after obtaining prior approval of Government of India under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.

(b) to (d) Proposals have been received from the States of Madhya Pradesh, Orissa, which are under examination.

Death of animals in Delhi Zoo

1587. SHRI S.S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in the capital's zoo man animals and birds died for want of proper food and suitable medicines in the recent years;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof for the last three years;

(c) whether it is also a fact that a number of extinct creatures died naturally because of lack of their particular environment and many are destroyed by the direct influence of man;

(d) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(e) what remedial action Government propose to take in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) and (d) The environment in captivity, as provided by any zoo, cannot be treated at par with the particular environment in which a free ranging wild animal is found in nature. However, captive zoo animals adjust to same extent to the environment in captivity provided by the zoos. In the National Zoological Park, there has not been any specific case of death which can be attributed primerily to lack of an animal's particular environment. There is a report of death of a Zebra 1987 which had swallowed a polythene bag which was in thrown inside the enclosure along with food by some visitors.

(e) Action taken to improve the living conditions of animals in the zoo include:

(a) Reinforcement of the boundary walls of the zoo and improvement of the protective enclosure barriers.

(b) Provision of supply of filtered